

3.E Poverty

Table 3.E3.—Shares of money income from earnings and other sources for aged and nonaged families, 1997

[Civilian noninstitutionalized population]

Type of money income received during year ¹	Aged family units						Nonaged family units					
	Individuals aged 65 or older living alone or with nonrelatives only			Multiperson families with householder aged 65 or older			Individuals under age 65 living alone or with nonrelatives only			Multiperson families with householder under age 65		
	Total	Nonpoor	Poor ²	Total	Nonpoor	Poor ²	Total	Nonpoor	Poor ²	Total	Nonpoor	Poor ²
Number of families and unrelated individuals (in millions).....	10.6	8.4	2.2	11.3	10.6	0.7	31.1	24.4	6.7	59.6	53.0	6.6
	Percent receiving income of specified type ³											
Earnings.....	13	16	4	42	43	24	83	94	43	94	97	69
Public program payments:												
Social Security ⁴	92	94	82	92	94	72	6	5	12	10	10	11
Supplemental Security Income.....	7	2	23	5	4	14	4	1	13	3	2	10
Other public assistance.....	3	3	4	4	4	6	11	10	14	15	12	36
Other programs ⁵	4	5	2	9	9	4	6	7	4	10	10	7
Other sources:												
Dividends, interest, rent.....	59	68	27	71	74	25	48	56	17	62	68	13
Employment-related pensions, alimony, annuities, etc.....	39	47	8	53	55	10	5	6	3	15	16	14
	Percentage distribution of income, by type											
Total percent.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Earnings.....	13	14	1	30	30	12	87	88	48	89	89	61
Public program payments:												
Social Security ⁴	44	41	80	32	32	70	2	1	18	2	1	8
Supplemental Security Income.....	1	0	11	1	0	8	1	0	16	0	0	7
Other public assistance.....	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	10	1	1	17
Other programs ⁵	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	2
Other sources:												
Dividends, interest, rent.....	22	23	3	18	18	4	5	6	3	5	5	1
Employment-related pensions, alimony, annuities, etc.....	18	19	3	18	18	4	2	2	3	3	3	5
Median income.....	\$12,719	\$15,284	\$5,579	\$30,634	\$32,309	\$7,432	\$20,959	\$26,603	\$3,851	\$47,815	\$52,682	\$8,084

¹ Household surveys tend to underestimate the number of income recipients and income sources such as interest, dividends, rents, veterans' payments, unemployment compensation, and workers' compensation are more underreported than others. For more detail, see U.S. Census, *The Value of Noncash Benefits: 1979-82*, Technical Paper No. 52, Appendix F.

² Poverty status based on money income of all family members after receipt of OASDI and any other cash transfer payments.

³ Received by individuals or any family member at any time during 1997. Most individuals or families received more than one type of income during the year.

⁴ Social Security may include more than one type of income during the year.

⁵ Unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, or veterans' payments.

⁶ Less than 0.05 percent.

Source: Public use file of the March 1998 Income Supplement, Current Population Survey, U.S. Census Bureau. For a discussion of standard errors of estimated numbers and percentages, see U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, P-60 series.

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